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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the references listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the references are enclosed.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

- (1) within three (3) months of the **Filing Date** or before the mailing date of the **First Office Action** on the merits; or
- (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **Final Rejection** or **Notice of Allowance**, and
 - the requisite Statement is below, **OR**
 - the requisite fee under Rule 1.17(p), namely **\$240.00**, is included herein, or
- (3) after the mailing date of a **Final Rejection** or **Notice of Allowance** but before the payment of the **Issue Fee**, **AND**
 - Applicant hereby Petitions the Commissioner to accept and consider the attached Information Disclosure Statement, **AND**

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- the requisite Statement is below, AND
- the requisite petition fee due under Rule 1.17(i)(I), namely **\$130.00** is included herein.

It is respectfully requested that each of the references shown on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

STATEMENT

As required under §1.97(e), Applicants, through the undersigned, hereby state either that [check the appropriate space]:

- 1. [E]ach item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application **not more than** three months prior to the filing date of the Information Disclosure Statement; or
- 2. [N]o item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and to the knowledge of the person signing this Statement after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was known to **any** individual designated in §1.56(c) **more than** three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

FEE AUTHORIZATION

Should any fee associated with the submission of this paper not be attached hereto as a check, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the missing fee to our Deposit Account, No. 20-0531. Any overpayments should be credited to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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